

Biography

Sue Ellspermann serves as the 50th Lieutenant Governor of Indiana.

As Lt. Governor, Sue manages six state agencies including the Indiana State Department of Agriculture, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority, the Office of Defense Development, the Office of Community and Rural Affairs, the Office of Tourism Development and the Office of Small Business and Entrepreneurship. She also serves as President of the Indiana Senate and chairs the Indiana Counter Terrorism and Security Council.

Sue was raised in Ferdinand, Indiana, one of six children. A graduate of Forest Park High School, she worked her way through Purdue as an engineering cooperative education student with General Motors. She graduated Purdue as an industrial engineer and established a career in engineering and management at Michelin and Frito-Lay.



After earning her master's degree and doctorate in industrial engineering at the University of Louisville, she established Ellspermann and Associates and began a 20-yr consulting practice. She later became the founding director of the University of Southern Indiana's Center for Applied Research and Economic Development..

In 2010, Sue was elected to represent Dubois, Perry, Spencer and Warrick counties in the Indiana House of Representatives. In November of 2012, she was elected to serve with Governor Mike Pence.

During her first year in office, Lt. Governor Ellspermann completed a 92-county "Listen and Learn" tour where she met with business, agriculture and government leaders. In addition to her oversight of her six state agencies, Governor Pence has appointed her co-chair of his Blue Ribbon Panel on Transportation Infrastructure. She also serves as co-chair of the Indiana Career Council that is overseeing the State's workforce development and training initiatives.

Sue is married to Jim Mehling, Principal of Forest Park High School. They have a blended family of four daughters, three sons-in-law, two grandsons, and a brand-new granddaughter.